



News Release

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AOH Cancels St. Patrick's Day Parade

Grand Rapids -- After consultation and discussions the Rev. John Whalen McGee, Kent Division One Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians is regrettably cancelling the 2020 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The parade was scheduled to step off at 11:00AM this Saturday, March 14. Organizers decided to cancel after many calls from those planning to participate informing them of their plans to back out.

"In the general interest of public health and safety we have decided to not go forward as planned. Though there are no reported cases in the West Michigan area there is justifiable concern on the part of the public about attending large public events. We recognize our responsibility to the public to always put their safety first." said Ed Kettle, AOH member and part off the parade committee.

The AOH wishes everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. The Order encourages everyone to observe the protective measures being provided by the CDC and others regarding washing hands and taking other precautions.

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